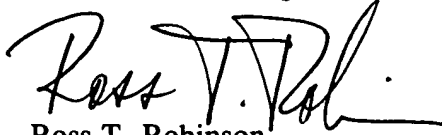


REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments made to the specification herein are being made in order to correct typographical errors made to the application number of the underlying provisional application from which priority is being claimed. A marked-up copy of all amendments to the specification is attached to this preliminary amendment as Exhibit A. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests a thorough and complete examination of this application and earnestly solicits an early notice of allowance.

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Exhibit A

This patent application claims priority from United States Provisional Patent Application No. [60/244,766]60/244,776, filed on October 31, 2000 and bearing Attorney Docket No. 34650-0670USPL. This patent application incorporates U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. [60/244,766]60/244,776 by reference.